

Town of Fort Myers Beach
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet Number: 2010-076

1. Requested Motion:

Meeting Date: July 12, 2010

Adopt Resolution 10-18 authorizing submission of a Special Category Grant in the amount of _____ (\$____) Dollars and committing _____ (\$____) Dollars from Town General Revenues as cash match.

Why the action is necessary:

To submit an application to the Florida Division of Historical Resources Special Category Grant program, cash match be confirmed.

What the action accomplishes:

The adopted resolution will be submitted with the grant application to document the Town's cash match.

2. Agenda:

☐ Consent
☒ Administrative

3. Requirement/Purpose:

☒ Resolution
☐ Ordinance
☐ Other:

4. Submitter of Information:

☐ Council
☒ Department:
☐ Town Attorney

5. Background:

On June 21st, Town Council authorized preparation of three grant applications that could fund remaining restoration of the William H. Case house and part or all of the museum installation. Grant applications to the Division of Cultural Affairs Cultural Facilities Grant Program and Division of Historical Resources Special Category Grant Program would fund similar scopes of work. Should both grants be offered to the Town, the application with the more favourable match requirements would be recommended. However, for application submission, separate matching funds must be allocated to each grant application.

The Division of Historical Resources Special Category grant period is July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013. The match requirement for a \$350,000 grant application equals \$175,000 which must be expended between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2013. Of this total match amount, \$102,105 is calculated as in-kind and donated services necessitating an allocation of \$72,895 as cash match. A reduced grant request of \$304,210 would reduce project scope and necessitate an allocation of \$50,000 as cash match. To complete the Mound House restoration and museum installation, a \$350,000 grant would require an allocation of \$174,857 as cash match. Please see attached memorandum for additional information on these options.



6. Alternative Action:

Provide staff direction to seek alternative funding sources for Mound House completion.

7. Management Recommendations:

Adoption of Resolution 10-18 for a grant request of \$350,000 allocating \$72,895 as cash match.

8. Recommended Approval:

Town Manager	Town Attorney	Finance Director	Public Works Director	Community Development Director	Town Clerk
					

9. Council Action:

Approved Denied Deferred Other

RESOLUTION NUMBER 10-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE PROPER OFFICERS, OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TOWN TO APPLY FOR A SPECIAL CATEGORY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF _____ (\$ _____) DOLLARS, FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE GRANT FUNDS TO FABRICATE AND INSTALL PERMANENT MUSEUM EXHIBITS WITHIN THE WILLIAM H. CASE (MOUND) HOUSE INCLUDING HISTORIC RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION TO SUPPORT THIS USE; COMMITTING A PORTION OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH GENERAL REVENUES TO COMPLY WITH THE CASH MATCH REQUIREMENT OF THE GRANT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida (hereinafter "Town") has been advised that the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, is offering Special Category Grants to municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, the Town acquired the property known as "Mound House" to preserve this significant archaeological site and to develop the historic William H. Case home into a cultural museum and learning center focused on the prehistory and history of southwest Florida and the unique estuarine environment upon which past and present societies depended; and,

WHEREAS, the Town is proposing the restoration and rehabilitation of the William H. Case house to support the intended museum use and to fabricate and install permanent interpretive exhibits with the available grant funding in order to provide a cultural museum to the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Town is willing to commit from the Town of Fort Myers Beach General Revenues _____ Dollars as its required cash "match" for the proposed grant; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach has determined that it is in the best interests of the Town and its citizens to apply for Special Category Grant support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach hereby authorizes the proper officers, officials and representatives of the Town to execute all documents necessary to apply for a Special Category Grant in the amount of _____ Dollars from the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources.

Section 2: That the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach hereby acknowledges and agrees that it will use the requested grant funds for the restoration and rehabilitation of the William H. Case house to support the intended cultural museum

use and to fabricate and install permanent interpretive exhibits for the enjoyment of the public.

Section 3: That the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach hereby acknowledges that it will commit _____ Dollars in Town of Fort Myers Beach General Revenues during the grant period beginning after July 1, 2011 and ending on June 30, 2013 to fulfill the match requirements of the grant, provided, however, that any dollars allocated to this grant shall be separate and apart from dollars allocated to the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs grant that was authorized pursuant to Resolution 10-17.

Section 4: Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town Council upon a motion by _____ and seconded by Councilmember _____ and upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

Larry Kiker, Mayor
Tom Babcock
Alan Mandel

Bob Raymond, Vice Mayor
Jo List

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2010, BY THE

TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

ATTEST:

By: _____
Larry Kiker, Mayor

By: _____
Michelle D. Mayher, Town Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

By: _____
James T. Humphrey, Town Attorney



Memo

To: Town Manager Terry Stewart

Cc:

From: Theresa Schober, Director of Cultural Resources

Date: 7/7/10

Re: State capital grant opportunities for Mound House improvements

As indicated previously, two state grant programs are available to fund final restoration of the William H. Case house and part or all of the museum installation at Mound House – the Division of Cultural Affairs (DCA) Cultural Facilities Program and the Division of Historical Resources (DHR) Special Category Grant program.

In developing project proposals and budgets for each grant application, a total project cost of \$524,857 is determined to complete exterior and interior restoration of the building including architectural and engineering fees, and final exhibit design, fabrication, and installation. Additional costs such as project and grant management, exhibit review, among other tasks are assumed as in-kind contributions from Town staff and project academic advisors.

All remaining costs except architectural, engineering, and design fees are eligible for inclusion in an application to the DCA Cultural Facilities Program. These fees are estimated at \$79,857 and are recommended as cash match to a grant request of \$445,000 (Resolution 10-17). A grant request of \$445,000 requires a total of \$890,000 as match. The remaining \$810,143 match is met through eligible project expenditures over the past five years and existing grant funds. As this grant program supports “cultural facilities”, funds spent developing the Mound House grounds are eligible as match (i.e., existing TDC grants). Matching dollars can be expended any time after the application submission on July 16, 2010.

All project costs are also eligible for inclusion in an application to the DHR Special Category Grant program. However, the maximum grant award in this program is \$350,000 with a required match of 50% of the request or \$175,000. I present three options to consider:

1. Apply to complete the Mound House restoration and museum installation - \$350,000 in grant funds and a cash match of \$174,857 allocated by Town Council. The remaining \$143 could easily be covered through in-kind contributions.

2. Apply for \$350,000 to complete the historic restoration and exhibit design with some exhibit installation. Required match is met with \$102,105 of in-kind and donated services and \$72,895 in cash allocated by Town Council.
3. Apply for \$304,210 to complete the historic restoration and exhibit design (deferring exhibit installation). Required match is met with \$102,105 of in-kind and donated services and \$50,000 in cash allocated by Town Council.

It is recommended that the Town submit an application to both grant agencies. While the Cultural Facilities Program best meets the needs of the Town for this project, with a lower cash contribution by the Town, the program funds all arts and cultural disciplines including music, dance, theatre, literature, architecture, sculpture, photography, visual arts, etc. as well as programs of museums. The selection panel ranking grant applications will broadly reflect these disciplines. While the Special Category Grant program does not offer the same funding and would require a greater cash contribution by the Town (potentially offset by other grants), the Town has received three such grants in the past five years and has been highly ranked by the Florida Historical Commission in each grant cycle. In that sense, our probability of receiving Special Category Grant funding is likely higher assuming the legislature funds both grant programs.